

REMARKS

In the Office Action of May 5, 2004, the Examiner has issued a restriction requirement in the present application. The Examiner has identified the following groups of inventions:

Group I, claims 1-14, 16-53 and 56-57 drawn to a prosthetic device having two polymers with different compositions;

Group II, claim 16, drawn to a second prosthetic device made of a polymeric material with a hole extending through the body; and

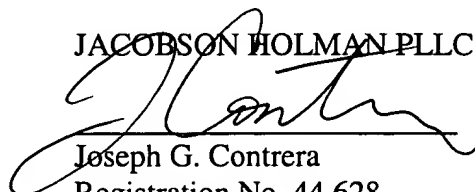
Group III, claims 54 and 55, drawn to a method of using a prosthetic device.

Applicants elect Group I without traverse.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for examination on the merits. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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